January, 2002. The State Governments/UTs, including the Government of Andhra Pradesh, have reported that identification of BPL families has been completed.

Under the TPDS, the allocation of foodgrains to the BPL families is being made as per the Poverty Estimates of the Planning Commission, based on Expert Group's methodology, updated on the population base of the Registrar General, as on 1-3-2000. On this basis, the estimated number of BPL families in Andhra Pradesh is 40.63 lakhs against which the State Government have identified 113.60 lakh BPL families. The basis of allocation of foodgrains is being uniformly applied to all the States/UTs without exception.

Relaxation in existing labour laws

*338. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to boost the export, the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries has requested Government to relax the existing labour laws for particular economic zones and include labour as a Union subject;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the labour interests likely to be affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No Sir. Ministry of Labour have not received any such request from the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

Revision of E.P.F. pension scheme

*339. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to revise the E.P.F. Pension Scheme extending the benefit to all the employees who are member of E.P.F;